

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Kenji KATO et al. :  
Appln. No. 09/582,903 : Art Unit - 2627  
Filed: August 11, 2000 : Examiner - Tan X. Dinh  
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD :  
HAVING TAPERED HOLE FOR :  
GUIDING LIGHT BEAM :  
(as amended) : Docket No. S004-4034 (RCE)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated September 12, 2007 and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on March 12, 2008. This is an extension request for replying to the September 12 Action within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the September 12 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

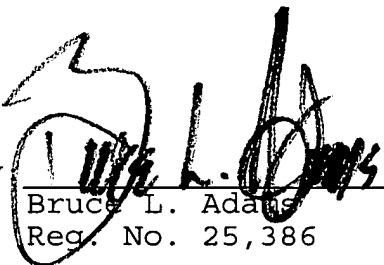
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A check in the amount \$1050.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

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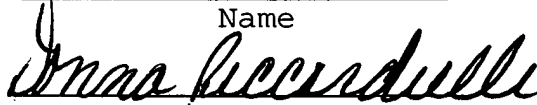
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